

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

November 17, 2015

7:30 PM Conference 4/5
Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Callender,
Hargraves, Hine, Fee, Kazmi, Kirk, Nguyen,
Roark, Rosier, Roth

Absent:

Commissioners: None

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Department of Cable and Consumer

Services:

John W. Burton, Assistant County Attorney
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief,
Consumer Affairs
Henri Stein McCartney, Chief
Regulations and Licensing Branch
Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist II
Regulations and Licensing Branch
Michael Nickolas, Detective
Fairfax County Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 20, 2015 were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee mentioned H.R.2563 State and Local Predatory Enforcement Act bill. Staff will review.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Roth mentioned the "Microsoft Phone Call Scam" was back. Staff will post information on Facebook.

Commissioner Rosier inquired about added building security due to events in Paris.

Commissioner Callender had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Hargraves had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Nguyen had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the commission.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

1. Pawn/Precious Metals and Gems Ordinance Review: Henri Stein McCartney, Consumer Specialist III, Regulations and Licensing Branch, presented an overview of the changes made to the ordinance. The following topics were discussed: local regulation, precious metals and gems dealers, permit requirements, revision to Chapter 33, Article 1 PMG Dealers, pawnbrokers, pawn brokers permit requirements, revision to Chapter 33, Article 2, and outreach effort.

A discussion ensued on the requirements for selling gold jewelry, surety bonds, record requirements, purchasing outside of the Commonwealth, expiration of the license in ordinance, implied authority by Circuit Court, and the number of pawn shops in Fairfax County.

Chairman Fee made the motion to allow Regulations and Licensing Branch to advertise for a public hearing in January 2016. Commissioner Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Nomination of Officers. Chairman Fee asked for volunteers to contact him directly if interested in serving on the committee.

Next CPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8:56 PM.